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13th Annual Joint Services/Agency/ERC National Relocation Conference

School Liaison Program

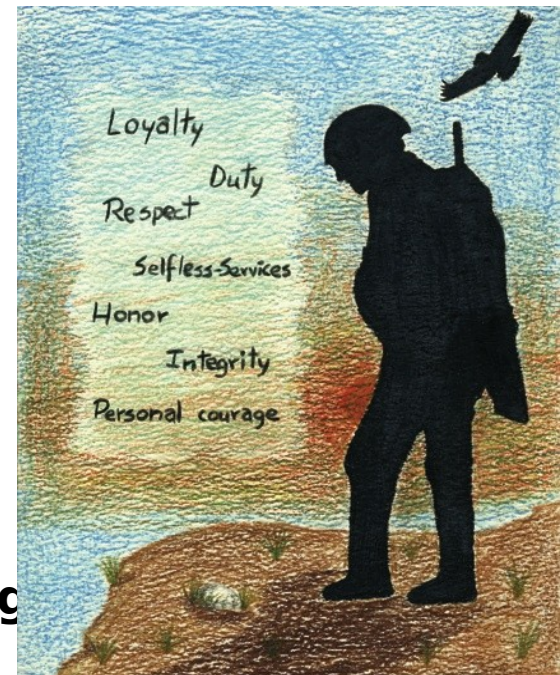
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Who Are the Military Children?

- Almost 2 M children (*Mom, Dad or Both Active Duty, Guard or Reserve*)
- 1.25 Million school-aged children
- 630,000 children of Active Duty
- 480,000 children of Reserve & Guard
- **75% of Active Duty children under age 18**





Why School Liaisons Program?

FACTS:

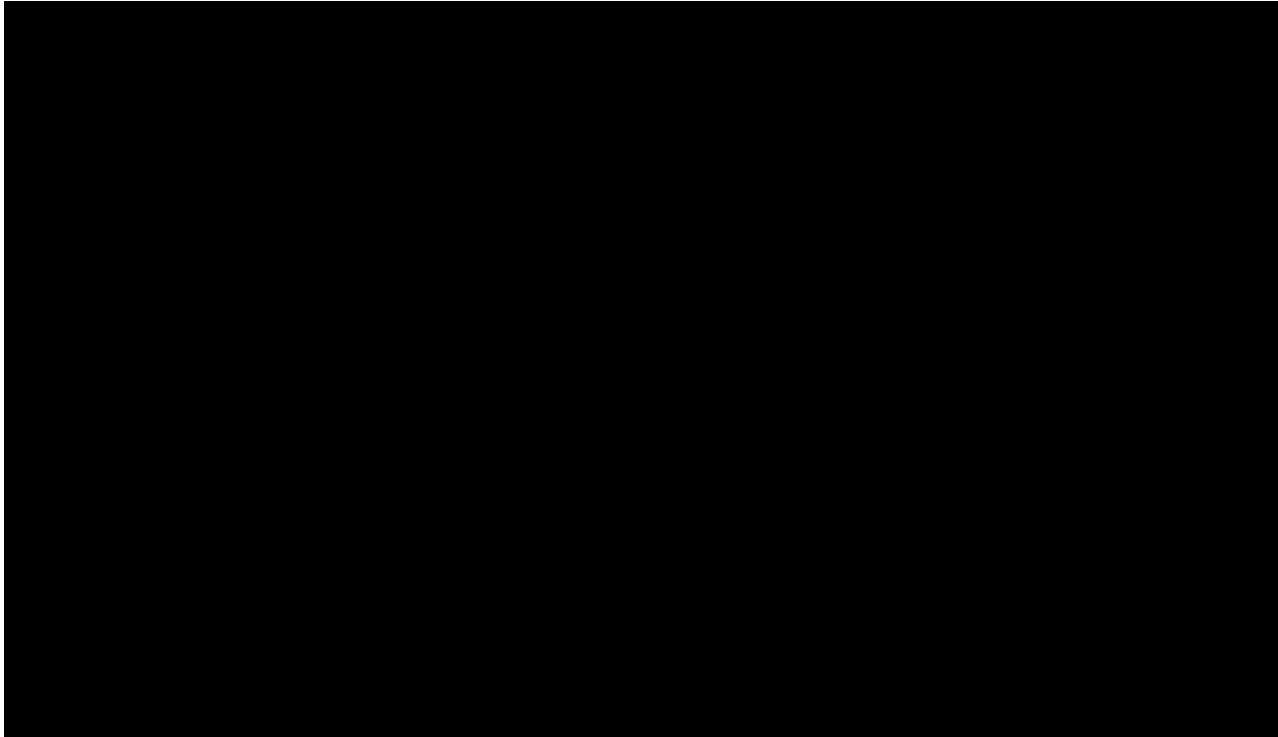
- Military families move 3 times more frequently than civilian counterparts (Active Duty)
- Families move an average of every 2.9 years
- Children attend up to 9 different schools by graduation
- Families experience increased stress related to deployment during wartime
- Multiple moves and inconsistencies are amongst the top ten reasons service members leave the Service

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Education Issues Affecting Transitioning Military Families

- Inconsistencies from state-to-state
- School Calendars
- Course content sequencing
- Grad requirements
 - Credits
 - Courses
 - Testing
- Extracurricular eligibility
- Schedules (block vs traditional)
- Transfer of records
- Credit transfers
 - Grading criteria
 - Honors & AP courses
- Scholarship availability
- Social & Emotional
- Deployment support
- Senior moves
- School quality
- Special Education challenges



School Liaison Core Services

- School Transition Services
- Deployment Support
- Installation, School, Community Communications
- Partnerships in Education (PIE)
- Home School Linkage, Support
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities
- Special Needs System Navigation



How do Families Benefit?

- Better prepared to respond to PCS and deployment issues
- Becoming the best advocates for their children's education
- Assurance that a quality education is a Navy priority through support of systematic change
- Increased awareness amongst Navy leaders about educational impact



Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

- **PURPOSE:**

- To replace the widely varying treatment of transitioning military students in a unified, comprehensive approach that would provide a uniform policy in every school district in **every state that chooses to join** the compact.
- 36 states have now joined!

- **FOCUS:**

- Address the key issues encountered by military families in four broad categories
 - Eligibility
 - Enrollment
 - Placement
 - Graduation
- Effective as of 01JAN2010. Please be patient with roll-out!

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Educational Support During Transition

Student Online Achievement Resources



Tutor.com





School Liaison Program Initiatives

Air Force

- Relocation Fairs - families get information about their new location and are connected to the SLO at the gaining base
 - Some locations partner with the Military Family Life Consultants on these events
- Air Force Teen Councils partner with the SLO to host programs in the school one month and the teen center the next; a focus is on support to new students
- SLOs provide parents with a school relocation checklist and teach them how to build a student portfolio designed to organize important school documents/school records school work samples
- Work with with Airman & Family Readiness Centers and participate in base intro /newcomers events
- Provide information on school liaison services and resources to unit Key Spouse volunteers and at Heartlink (new AF spouse orientation)



School Liaison Program Initiatives

Army

Army Education Efforts

- ***The Army School Support Strategic Plan*** is a five-year plan that builds a school support system to address learning environments, academic skills and personal management skills. The plan is research-based and was developed using the collective knowledge of experts.
- ***School Liaison Officer(s)*** is the primary resource on school-related issues on the installation. The Army currently has 141 School Liaison Officers located on installations worldwide.

Build positive relationships and facilitate communication among Army leadership, Army Families and the local school community

Inform and assist parents and students with school transition and deployment challenges

Establish Partnerships in Education programs

Facilitate access to homeschool resources for parents

Provide information about college and other post-secondary opportunities and preparation materials

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Serve as primary advisor to installation leadership on education issues



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- **Army High School Senior Stabilization Policy** allows Soldiers to delay PCS so students can complete the high school senior year.
- **In/Out Processing Protocol** allows Soldiers with children to meet with the School Liaison Officer for an explanation of available services.
- **Memorandums of Agreement between Garrisons and School districts** ensure military students are supported through school transitions. The **School Local Action Plan** is a result of the signed Memorandum of Agreement and describes how the school district and installation will work together to support students.
- **Adopt A School Programs** are unit partnerships with local schools to provide mutual support.
- **Child Youth & School Services Pre-K Strong Beginnings** is the Garrison Child Development Center's school readiness program



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Army Education Efforts

- **CYSS Study Strong** includes CYSS academic support programs

CYSS Homework Centers are after school programs facilitated by teaching professionals

CYSS Youth Tech Labs use established technology curriculum in school-age and middle school/teen programs

Homeschool Support is provided to Families who choose to homeschool their children

Tutor.com provides free online 24/7 tutoring (contact local Garrison SLO)

- **Community-based Afterschool Academic Programs** are offered at selected schools and Youth Centers

- **SKIES Unlimited Instructional Program** provides instructional enhancement classes

- **CYSS Youth Sports and Fitness** programs help children deal with stress and fight childhood obesity



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Army Education Efforts

- **CYSS Youth Sponsorship Clubs** facilitate adjustment of new students
- **Junior Student2Student and Student2Student** are school-based youth sponsorship programs for middle and high school students
- **Transition Counselor Institutes** and **Living in the New Normal** train school personnel about the strengths and challenges of military students
- **Parent to Parent Cadres** train parents as child and youth advocates
- **DoD Military Family Life Consultants** are licensed consultants for short-term problem resolution for faculty, staff, parents and children
- **National Guard and Reserve Institutes** help communities and schools understand and address needs of geographically dispersed children



School Liaison Program Initiatives

Marine Corps

- School Liaison at each installation as well as at USMC HQ
- End of Year on-line survey for stakeholders
- Finalizing NAVMC, AIRS Checklist
- Professional Development and Training
- Share Point
 - On-line Reporting Tool
 - Collaborative Site
- USMC / Regional Facebook



School Liaison Program Initiatives

Marine Corps

SLP MCIWEST Programs

- Tell Me a Story reading program
- Joint Services San Diego SLP

Initiatives

- Regional Website and Facebook
- Trevor Romain site visits and presentations
- Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg Resiliency conference
- Community & Service Partnership



School Liaison Program Initiatives

Marine Corps

SLP MCIEAST Programs

- Cooperative Library for military
- REACH MCNC
- Adopt a School
- Interstate Compact awareness

Initiatives

- Regional Website and Facebook
- Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg Resiliency conference
- Trevor Romain visits to all bases
- Strong relationships within community



School Liaison Program Initiatives

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School Liaison Officer (SLO) Core Components

- School Transition Support
- Deployment Support
- Installation, School, Community Communications
- Partnerships in Education
- Home School Linkage, Support
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities



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- **Youth Sponsorship** – offers pre-arrival, arrival, and pre-departure services to installation youth and to assist youth relocation to and/or from an installation.
- Online data reporting and analysis collection
- Online training initiatives
- Facebook communication
- Connections- Transitional centers established at installations, partnering schools, SLO and other community agencies.



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Resources:

- Service Installation websites
- Service School Liaison websites
- School Liaison HQ websites
- Dodea Educational Partnership website:
www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu